



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tsukasa Kobayashi, et al. **Examiner:** Bradford C. Pantuck
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RESPONSE

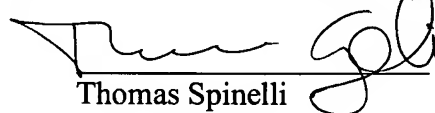
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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